Hijaab and Women

1. What do the honourable jurists say regarding the ruling of Hijaab? Some people say that the verses regarding Hijaab were special only for the mothers of the believers, i.e. the pure wives of Rasulullaah ρ.
2. Is Hijaab (Pardah) a law of Shari'ah or is it part of the culture of a particular country or nation?
3. Some people say that nowadays Hijaab is a barrier in the way of progress.

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Answer:

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1. The law of Hijaab is general for all Muslims. Allaah I states,

يٰٓاَيُّهَا النَّبِىُّ قُلْ لِّاَزْوَاجِكَ وَ بَنٰتِكَ وَ نِسَآءِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ يُدْنِيْنَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ جَلَابِيْبِهِنَّ ؕ

O Nabi ρ! Tell your wives, your daughters and the women of the Mu'mineen that (when they have to leave their homes out of necessity) they should draw down their "jalaabeeb" over themselves (they should wear a loose garment that covers the entire body

without revealing the shape of the body and which has only a little opening to allow the woman to see). [Surah Ahzaab (the Armies) 33:59]

Allaah I states at another place,

قُلۡ لِّلۡمُؤۡمِنِيۡنَ يَغُضُّوۡا مِنۡ اَبۡصَارِهِمۡ

Tell the Mu'mineen men that they should lower their gazes. [Surah Noor (Celestial Light) 24:30]

It is clear interpolation of the pure Shari'ah to state that the two verses mentioned above are special to the mothers of the believers.

2. If there was adherence to Hijaab by a particular nation or country, it does not necessitate that the pure law revealed in the Qur'aan thousands of years ago was taken from there (that nation or country).
3. The Burqa, Chaadar or scarf etc. is worn in order to adhere to the law of Hijaab according to necessity.

4. All the laws of Shari'ah are based on revelation, not only on the limited understanding of man. The wisdom behind every law is in the knowledge of Allaah I. The basis of accepting any law is not that it should come into the mind of the one being ordered.

5. All the laws of Shari’ah pertaining to Pardah are based on protecting the honour and sanctity of women. This is related to many rulings of inheritance, Nikaah etc.

6. Contrary to this is following one’s desires and inclinations of the carnal self. According to man, women are only a means of fulfilling his natural desires and a great means of earning wealth. This is discussed in another article of mine’s.

7. The result of this is that no woman is protected today. After fulfilling desires with them, they are killed and the illegitimate child is thrown into a rubbish dump. The result of this filthy lifestyle is that countless groups of unmarried mothers have been created. So, these desires are the way of progress for women according to man. The system of honour and sanctity of women in Islaam is that women may come into the fold of progress.

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The fearful story of the contemporary oppression on women

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1. One will not find in any era the amount of oppression done on women as is done today.
2. In some places they are sexually exploited and are made a means of earning wealth. Consequently, in just one country, Japan, 22 billion dollars are earned yearly from the sex trade.

   Philippine women send a million dollars home every year. Similarly, Bangladesh and other western countries send their women out of greed for wealth. Consequently, according to the United Nations report, 4000000 women were sent abroad. The World Bank encourages developed nations to boost the tourism industry so that there can be a way for the loans of the World Bank to be paid under the United Nations.

   In some places, the naked bodies of women are displayed and they are exploited in this way.

When they are sent to other countries as house workers/nannies, then they spend their lives in utter humiliation and in the worst of difficulties. There is no-one to enquire of their condition. There is no-one to cry for help to when they are being oppressed, to such an extent that many women die while being oppressed. If anything is done against the pleasure of those oppressors who buy them, then they are severely beaten and they are sexually used to an unbearable degree.

Today, the false propaganda of gender equality is being spread. Women should be given their rights and they should be given equal status in every work of society.

The realities are that such humiliation, oppression and barbarity, sexual exploitation, disgrace and infringement of rights of women has never been as it is today. For details, see 'Globalization and Women, a Nation's Voice', 27 April 2001